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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy to the Director for National Intelligence

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SUBJECT : NIE 72.1-1-76: RHODESIA: PROSPECTS OVER  
THE NEXT YEAR OR SO

1. This National Intelligence Estimate has been requested by the DCI, and arises out of correspondence between the DCI and the Director, DIA, with which members of the NFIB are familiar. On 30 June, representatives of CIA, INR, DIA, NSA, Treasury, Army and Navy met with us to consider informally the subjects that should be covered in the estimate, how the drafting responsibilities should be apportioned, and the timing of the estimate. As a result of that meeting, the NIO proposes that the scope and production of the estimate be as follows:

a. Scope of the Estimate.

- The outline presented at ANNEX describes the subjects we propose to cover and the general line of march we would follow in organizing the draft. All attendees at our 30 June meeting were in agreement with this outline.

b. Apportionment of Drafting Responsibilities.

- The outline at ANNEX also indicates (in parentheses following each entry) the offices to which the NIO proposes to assign responsibility for drafting the various sections of the estimate. There was not full agreement at our 30 June meeting with these NIO-proposed drafting assignments. See paragraph 2, below.

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c. Scheduling of the Estimate

- The NIO proposes the following schedule for the estimate.
  - 27 August Drafts of all sections to be delivered to NIO.
  - 2 September Combined and edited draft to be delivered to all agencies by NIO.
  - (7-8 September) (Possible consideration of draft by outside consultants)
  - 9-10 September Interagency coordination meetings on draft.
  - 16 or 23 September Consideration of estimate at NFIB. If approved, publication immediately thereafter.
- There was general agreement at our 30 June meeting that this schedule was satisfactory. The feasibility of the schedule, however, is questionable because of the differences over drafting assignments. See paragraph 2, below.

2. Problems: The NIO had originally proposed to complete this estimate at an appreciably earlier date than indicated by the schedule above. Both INR and CIA/DDI representatives, however, felt that (a) their offices would be unable -- because of personnel shortages and summer vacations -- to prepare a proper draft by an earlier date, and (b) there was no need to do the estimate more quickly. DIA representatives initially favored an earlier completion date, but ultimately accepted the schedule in paragraph 1c above. The INR representative accepted the schedule in paragraph 1c above, but said that INR could not make a contribution to the drafting. The CIA/DDI representative accepted the schedule above only on the condition that INR agree to take on those drafting responsibilities proposed in the outline at ANNEX -- drafting responsibilities which otherwise the CIA would have to assume. The INR representative stated that his office could not provide drafting contributions to the estimate because of other commitments.

3. NIO Recommendations:

- a. That the schedule proposed in paragraph 1c above be adhered to.
- b. That the division of drafting responsibilities proposed in the outline at ANNEX be accepted.
- c. That INR reconsider its position on providing a drafting contribution to this estimate.



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Attachment  
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